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A correspondent to the "N. C. Daily News" writes:—The death already announced in your columns of Drs. Jenkins and Robertson has brought sorrow into the small foreign community of Siamfu, Shensi. Both these men were endowed with many gifts and their success as students is testified by the high degrees they held. Both were members of London University, and Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons. Not only were they well equipped for their professions by scholarship but they possessed the gifts of disposition that made them acceptable workers among the Chinese. They were eminently fitted to break down the barriers that separate East and West.

Dr. Robertson passed through the perils and anxieties of the revolution. He ministered night and day to the wounded of both sides, and besides attending to the needs of a full hospital in Siamfu, more than once attended to the wounded on the scene of battle. He was the last to leave Tungkuang after one engagement. All the soldiers even had shed. And on other occasions he risked his life in his ministry of mercy to both parties.

His unrelenting toil entitled him to a long holiday, but he was unwilling to leave the many patients in the hospital at the close of the revolution. Just before he was attacked by typhus fever, a call to attend a child ill with small-pox appealed to him and riding night and day to the little patient and back again undoubtedly weakened his otherwise robust constitution.

It was most fitting that the Tutch should acknowledge Dr. Robertson's great services to the Chinese not only by attending the funeral, but by addressing the congregation and eulogizing his services and work.

Dr. Jenkins was home on furlough during the revolution, and had not long returned from Shanghai. When he passed through Siamfu a few months ago he did not look at all well, but in response to the call of duty pressed on to Siamfu, leaving his wife and two young children in Shanghai. After a short spell of activity he too was stricken down, and though the attack was not severe, yet his strength was not enough to pull him through. His wife arrived two days before he passed away. The community and the Baptist Missionary Society are left all the poorer by the loss of these beloved men and efficient workers.

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(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, April 9.
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Commander-in-Chief on the East-India
Station. The Swiftsure will also take out
a new crew for the special service vessel
Sphinx, which will be recommissioned at
Bombay for a further term of service in
East Indian waters. Captain H. J. T. Mar-
shall assumes command of the Swift-
sure, and will take her to Aden, where the
battleship will meet the Light Cruiser High-
flyer, Captain R. A. Nugent, which at
present flies the flag of the Commander-in-
Chief of the station. Rear-Admiral P. P.
and his staff will transfer from the High-
flyer to the Swiftsure, and Captain Nugent
and Captain Marshall will also exchange
commands. The Highflyer returns to this
Country to be paid off. The Swiftsure
will be the first battleship employed as
flagship on the East-India Station, while
the Sphinx, which is employed on duty in
the Persian Gulf, has had a quarter of
a century of service in those waters.
After several years' service in the Far
East, the "county" cruisers Kent and
Monmouth will be brought home from the
China Station during the present year,
1913-14, and will go into dockyard hands
at Portsmouth and Devonport for exten-
sive repairs.
The Kent was joined by her present
crew at Singapore on Dec. 23, 1911, and
the Monmouth was last recommissioned
at Colombo on April 12, 1912.

WIRELESS EXPERIMENTS.
The expert committee appointed to con-
sider the various systems of wireless
telegraphy have already commenced the
practical side of their work, and it is
interesting to know that there is still in
the field to Marconi and Poulson. The
committee recently visited Slough and
watched certain experiments conducted
at the small experimental station belong-
ing to the Goldschmidt Company. They
will go shortly to Germany to watch
the work which can be done by the
Goldschmidt system in sending and
receiving long distance messages. All the
members of the committee attended the
Slough demonstration which was very
impressive in regard to the speed obtained
and the small power needed for the
operation between Slough and Paris. The
result of the experiments to be conducted
in Germany will be followed with great
interest, and it is stated that the
Goldschmidt system, which is a system
independent of either the spark or arc
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(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE LISBON "RISING."

183 BOMBS SEIZED.

LONDON, April 29.

A Lisbon telegram says that the plot was discovered through Carbonarios who were present at a meeting of conspirators. The city has resumed its normal aspect. Those who were arrested told the Magistrate to-day that they had the interests of the Republic at heart.

The bombs seized numbered 183 of the most modern type. They were found at the headquarters of the Radical Federation.

AVIATION FATALITY.

BRITISH OFFICER KILLED.

LONDON, April 29.

Lieutenant Rogers Harrison fell four hundred feet at Farnborough and was killed. He attempted a very steep descent, with the result that the elevator collapsed.

TURCO-BALKANS WAR.

SKUTARI A "PUT-UP JOB."

LONDON, April 28.

According to stories published in the papers, Esad Pasha acted with the connivance of Serbia and Montenegro; and that the storming and surrender of Skutari was a "put up job."

The Daily Mail's correspondent at Belgrade says that Esad Pasha has concluded an alliance with Montenegro who keeps the Tarrabosh ridge and the Boyana Valley while Skutari becomes Albanian.

Accounts from Vienna say the belief prevails there that Russian intrigues are behind Esad Pasha's move which, anyway, is likely to complicate the situation.

Esad is a typical Gheg Chieftain, of an old and wealthy Albanian family and has had a most adventurous career. The Daily Telegraph's Cetinje correspondent reports that the Ministers of the Powers have presented a Joint Note demanding the evacuation of Skutari, but the Montenegrin officials have excused themselves from considering it because of the orthodox holidays.

It is regarded as significant that the Archduke Franz Ferdinand has suddenly returned to Vienna, as he was not expected till May 3rd.

THE POWERS AND MONTENEGRO.

The Powers have presented a collective Note of Communication to Cetinje, declaring that Skutari must be evacuated with the briefest possible delay and handed over to the commanders of the International Fleet. A prompt reply is requested.

MONTENEGRO'S PROTEST.

Montenegro has formally protested against this as being a "cruel and unjust demand."

MONTENEGRINS LEAVING THE CITY.

A telegram from Vienna states that it is officially stated that Prince Danilo and his troops have marched out of Skutari northwards, and that only five battalions of Montenegrin infantry are left in the city.

CHINESE DAY OF PRAYER.

LONDON, April 28.

A devotional service was held on Sunday afternoon at the Chinese Legation. About 150 were present—half Chinese and half missionaries. The Rev. Dr. Lavington Hart, formerly of Tientsin, conducted the service. Lord Kinnaird and Lord William Grosvenor were present.

The Chinese Minister delivered an address in English, declaring that the gathering impressed him as marking a entirely new era in China.

ICEBERGS IN THE ATLANTIC.

LONDON, April 28.

The Allan liner Virginian, bound for Halifax, had to go dead slow for 14 hours through an icefield. Eight monster icebergs were sighted, almost on the spot of the foundering of the Titanic. The icebergs were drifting towards the south across the Trans-Atlantic track.

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LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP.

LONDON, April 29.

In the Challenge Round of the Covered Courts Lawn Tennis Tournament, played at the Queen's Club, Wilding and Daut beat Gore and Lamb 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.

INTERCHANGE OF OFFICERS SCHEME.

LONDON, April 29.

Reuter's Ottawa correspondent states that Lord Brooke will command the second Mounted Brigade in the summer. This is the first appointment under the interchange of officers scheme.

THE BELGIAN STRIKE.

LONDON, April 28.

A telegram from Brussels states that work generally has been resumed.

THE BIG LOAN TO CHINA.

£25,000,000 LOAN SIGNED.

LONDON, April 29.

Reuter's Peking correspondent has telegraphed that the contract for £25,000,000, at five per cent., and quoted at 90, was signed late on Saturday by the representatives of China.

The Group of Banks are representing five Powers—Great Britain, Germany, France, Russia and Japan—and they will advance £2,000,000 immediately.

REVIEW IN HYDE PARK.

THE KING AND QUEEN PRESENT.

LONDON, April 29.

In showery weather, enormous crowds gave a great ovation to the King on his arrival at Hyde Park to review nine battalions of the Guards. The Queen and Princess Mary were present in an open carriage. The Duke of Connaught and other Royal personages, diplomats and distinguished people, were present.

The scene presented a splendid spectacle.

PRAYERS FOR CHINA.

LONDON, April 28.

Prayers for China were generally said throughout Great Britain yesterday.

THE DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT.

LONDON, April 28.

A bulletin issued on Sunday evening states that the Duchess of Connaught passed a good night. The Royal patient's strength is maintained, and her general condition unchanged.

Later. Reuter learns that the Duchess of Connaught is better.

THE POPULATION OF BRITISH COLONIES.

AN IMPERIAL PROJECT.

LONDON, April 28.

The Hon. Mr. Watt, Premier of Victoria, speaking at Brighton, said they wanted to see spring up somewhere under Imperial auspices an organisation which would assist them in populating immense lands like Canada, South Africa, and Australasia without trenching on controversial questions. They felt that the British Empire should be more self-sustaining and trade more together in the essentials of life.

EMPIRE TRADE COMMISSION.

RECIPROCITY BETWEEN CANADA AND AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, April 28.

A message from Melbourne states that the Empire Trade Commission has arrived.

Mr. Foster, the Canadian Commissioner, declared it was hoped that a reciprocal agreement between Canada and Australia would soon be arranged.

IRISH NATIONALISTS AND UNIONISTS.

SUGGESTED COMPROMISE.

LONDON, April 28.

Mr. John Dillon, M.P., speaking at Rostluna, Co. Dublin, declared that the Irish Nationalists were ready to meet the Irish Unionists at a Conference in the friendly spirit, if they were willing to accept the principle of Home Rule and consider what compromise might be feasible.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

GREAT BRITAIN PURCHASING NEW WARSHIPS.

LONDON, April 29.

It is reported that Great Britain is negotiating for the purchase of two Turkish battleships, which are at present being built by Messrs Vickers, Barrow. They closely resemble the King George the Fifth type, and are equipped with superior armament.

SPORTING.

Billiards.

The final of the Soldiers' Club Billiard Tournament between the Hongkong Volunteers and Royal Engineers (A) team, commenced at the Soldiers' Club last night. The first pair were Mr. Stanford, Hongkong Volunteers, and Sgt.-Major Morgan, R.E. Stanford showed fine form and broke of 22, 22 and 13 quickly, took him to the 100 mark, when Morgan's score was 46. Play slackened a little towards end, the Volunteer finally winning by 83 points. Breaks—Stanford, 22, 22, 21, 13, 11. Morgan, 12. Score—Mr. Stanford, 200; Sgt.-Major Morgan, 117.

Mr. Bishop, Hongkong Volunteers, and Q. M. Sgt. Collings, R.E., were the next pair to occupy the table. Collings played fine billiards from the start and at 50 held a lead of 30 points. He reached his 100 while Bishop added only 6 points to his score. The Volunteer seemed much below form but he had watched luck and at 150 was 77 points behind. Near the end of the game Bishop improved and a nice break of 20 helped to reduce the margin but Collings had the game well in hand and won by 47 points. Breaks—Collings, 26, 17, 17, 15, 12. Bishop, 20, 12, 12, 10. Score—Q. M. Sgt. Collings, 200. Mr. Bishop, 183.

The games will be resumed to-night. The Volunteers hold a lead of 38 points, the scores being—Hongkong Volunteers, 333; R.E. (A), 317.

Association Football.

UNITED SERVICE LEAGUE MATCHES. A meeting of the Management Committee of the United Service Football League was held in the Soldiers' Club last night. Lieut. R. H. Parkinson, D.C.L.I., presided. The question of E.M.S. Kent not fulfilling their fixture was discussed, as it affected the award of medals for the runners-up. Three teams were in the running, 88th and 83rd Companies R.G.A. and the Right Half D.C.L.I. It was decided that the teams concerned play off. As the result of the draw, 88th Coy. R.G.A. meet the 83rd Coy. R.G.A. The match will be played at Happy Valley this evening the winning team to play Right Half D.C.L.I. on Wednesday. Both matches will commence at 8 p.m.

Lawn Tennis.

HONGKONG C.C. TOURNAMENT. The semi-final round of the Hongkong Cricket Club's lawn tennis singles championship was reached last evening, the games proving very interesting to the large gathering of spectators by whom they were witnessed. Captain Crawford and H. Hancock, and A. N. Joseland and J. B. Fenman were the semi-finalists but the latter pair commenced in a dull light, which led to the postponement of the match with a two-all score. Joseland's score being 6-2, 7-5, and Fenman's 7, 5 and 8-6. The match stopped after the first two games of the fifth set, which produced even honours, Capt. Crawford went down to H. Hancock, the score being 7-5, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1.

In the semi-final of the singles A. class handicap M. Reader Harris defeated W. N. Love 6-1, 0-6, 7-5.

MISSING BANGLES.

HAIRDRESSER'S JEWELLERY DEALING.

In the Summary Court this afternoon an action came before Mr. Justice Kemp, Puisne Judge, in which a Chinese woman hairdresser named Chau Si, living at 38, Bridges Street, sued the Mao Lo firm of Jewellers, carrying on business at Queen's Road Central, for the return of two gold, pearl, diamond and jade bangles, the plaintiff's property said to be detained by them, or their value, \$500 and \$100 for such detention.

Mr. Denny of Messrs. Denny and Bowley, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Moore, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Webster, represented the defendant.

Mr. Denny explained that Chi see hairdressers often did a considerable business in the sale of jewellery in addition to their hairdressing work. Plaintiff had two bangles which she wished to dispose of and she took them to defendant's shop and left them, as she had left other jewellery, with one of the defendant's partners, a folk. She called accountants to the shop to inquire if the bangles had been sold and was informed that there was a probable purchaser. Plaintiff called several times subsequently and defendants put her off, so she put the matter into the hands of her solicitors, when defendants through their solicitors wrote that the bangles had been handed over to them. The direct issue was therefore whether or not the bangles were handed over to defendants.

Judgment was given for plaintiff for the amount claimed, \$1 damages, and costs of the action.

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LASCAR ROW FIRE SEQUEL.

Action for Damages.

To-day's Hearing.

In Original Jurisdiction this morning, before the Chief Justice, Sir William Ross Davies, K.C., the part-heard action brought by Chau Nam, 142, Hollywood Road, Chan Woon Cheung and Chan Woon Man, of 44, Stanley Street, was again continued. The claim was for \$5,000 damages, the plaintiff alleging that defendants negligently and unskillfully carried out certain building operations, namely the building of a party-wall between houses No. 10 and 21, Lower Lascar Road, and incident thereto certain work in shoring the rear walls of the plaintiff. There is a counter-claim entirely dependent on a question of law.

The following special jury is serving: Messrs. F. Maitland (foreman), J. T. Douglas, H. P. White, M. Beattie, Ho Koon Tong, D. Heskell and F. C. Wilford.

Counsel for the plaintiff, Mr. M. W. Slade, K.C., instructed by Mr. Jackson, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, instructed by Mr. M. R. Harris, of Messrs. Wilkinson Grist.

When the case was resumed this morning Mr. Slade continued his cross-examination of Mr. Leman, who gave expert evidence for defendants yesterday. Mr. Slade put a number of questions to the witness bearing upon the crushing and fracturing strains of granite, and afterwards questioned him regarding his statement that there were cracks on the front wall of No. 17, Lascar Row, at the present time equally as bad as those on the old front wall of No. 19. The witness adhered to his statement and said he saw the cracks yesterday.

Summing up to the jury Mr. Jenkins said the whole point of the case was whether the bremsen of plaintiff's house dropped during the rebuilding of defendant's house a quarter of an inch. Plaintiff came to court and said "If you did not keep this old shell of a building dead in the place where it was before your rebuilding you have to pay us damages." He submitted, however, that all the defendants had to do was take reasonable and proper care, not necessarily to see that the plaintiff's house did not drop a quarter of an inch. The jury had to say whether negligence on the part of the defendants was responsible for the condition of the plaintiff's house which necessitated its rebuilding. Negligence was the omission to do something which a person might reasonably and properly be expected to do, or the doing of something which a person would reasonably and properly not be expected to do; and the jury was entitled to consider whether the plaintiff's neglect to shore up his wall did not amount to negligence.

Mr. Bird, the plaintiff's expert, said that the plaintiff's front wall should have been supported during the rebuilding by heavy beams or timbers instead of the China fir poles which were used, but he admitted that he had never used this sort of shoring in the Colony. If that was the sort of evidence which the plaintiffs were driven to bring before them to prove that defendant had been negligent the jury was entitled to say that they could not prove their case by that sort of imaginative evidence.

The jury unanimously found for plaintiff for \$1000 on the claim and judgment for this amount was entered with costs. The point of law on which the counterclaim is based will be argued later.

KWANTUNG NEWS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PAYMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY.

It will be remembered that during the last days of the old Manchu dynasty, when there was a semblance of a Provincial Assembly in Canton, the Government allowed its members an honorarium of two hundred and forty dollars per annum. When the dynasty was swept away, and whilst there was a general confusion, according to our report, the members, seeing that nothing very decided could be done in the way of provincial legislation, were satisfied with one hundred and twenty. Recently, however, seeing that things are more settled, and hope of permanency may be cherished, the members of the Assembly have decided on the scale of payments for themselves. The local President is to receive a salary of \$1200, and Vice-President is to have one hundred less. The members, however, are to be paid nine hundred dollars per annum, and the payments are to be paid in monthly instalments. This reward will be regarded as a considerable attraction.

A NEW RAILWAY PROJECTED.

For some time there have been discussions as to the necessity of joining the populous town of Yang Shing on the East River with the main line between Canton and Kowloon. It will attach itself to the main line at Shik Lung. It will not be a long line, only about forty li, or say fourteen miles. On the other hand it will pass through two or three big towns, and bring the trade of these in touch with the outside world. The cost of building the line is estimated at about four hundred thousand dollars. Whether that is a high price or not we are unable to say. On the other hand the promoters of this branch railway affirm that the way is level and that land can be purchased cheaply and, therefore, we presume that the price is not

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